



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

TOWN OF WOLCOTT
4th Street Lift Station Rehabilitation
Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1
SRF # WW06 51 91 01

Date: October 20, 2011

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the town's Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #1 received by the SRF on August 22, 2011 will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Wolcott 4th Street Lift Station Rehabilitation**
Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) Addendum #1
Town of Wolcott
P.O. Box 38
101 West North Street
Wolcott, IN 47995

SRF Project Number: WW06 51 91 01

Authorized Representative: Marsha L. Mackey, Town Council President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Wolcott is located in Princeton Township, White County, approximately 80 miles northwest of Indianapolis. The 4th Street Lift Station is in the southwest corner of Wolcott Park. The lift station is in the Wolcott USGS 7.5' topographic quadrangle, T27N, R6W, and SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 25 (see Figure1).

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

One pump in the lift station is inoperable and the other pump is rebuilt.

The "No Action" alternative was rejected since the lift station would be completely inoperable if the rebuilt pump fails and could potentially cause that part of the sewer system it serves to become surcharged and create basement backups especially during rain events.

The selected alternative is to replace the control panel and the two 80 gallons per minute (gpm) pumps with new grinder pumps rated at the same capacity.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

The estimated cost to purchase and install the two pumps and control panel is \$14,435. The town closed on a State Revolving Fund (SRF) 20-year loan for \$688,000 on May 30, 2007, which has been completely drawn down and retired. However, the town has accrued \$11,791.61 in interest in its construction account from the SRF loan, which it will use toward this project. The town will use local funds to pay for the remaining \$2,643.39.

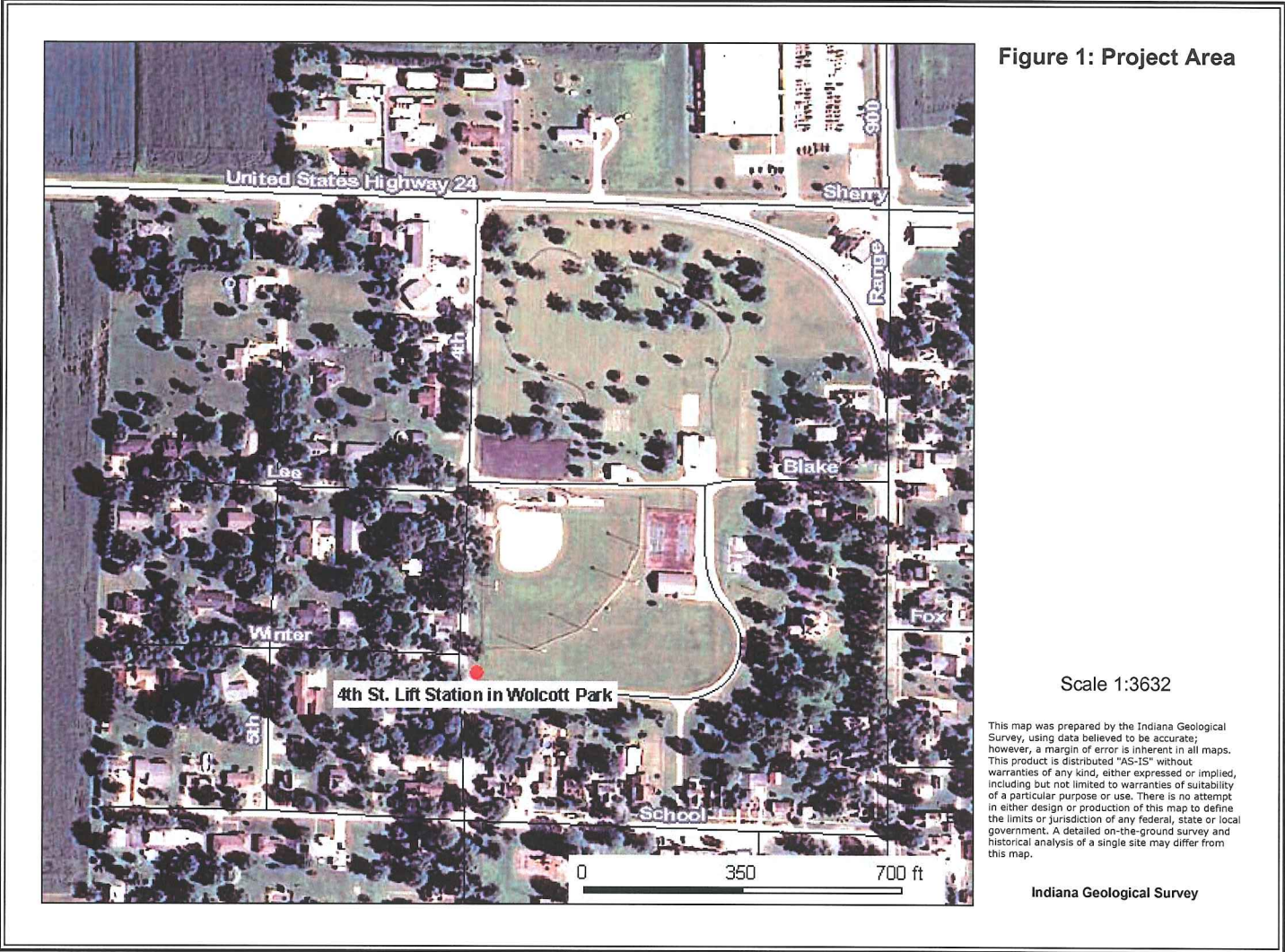
V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The project will not affect wooded areas, endangered species, wetlands, prime farmland or the 100-year floodplain.

Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties; see Figure 2. If any visual or audible impacts to historic properties occur, they will be temporary and will not alter the characteristics that qualify such properties for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The SRF's finding pursuant to Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The town placed a notice in The New Wolcott Enterprise on September 8, 2011 describing the improvements to the 4th Street lift station. The town did not receive comments on the project.



Wolcott Scattered Sites (17001-055)

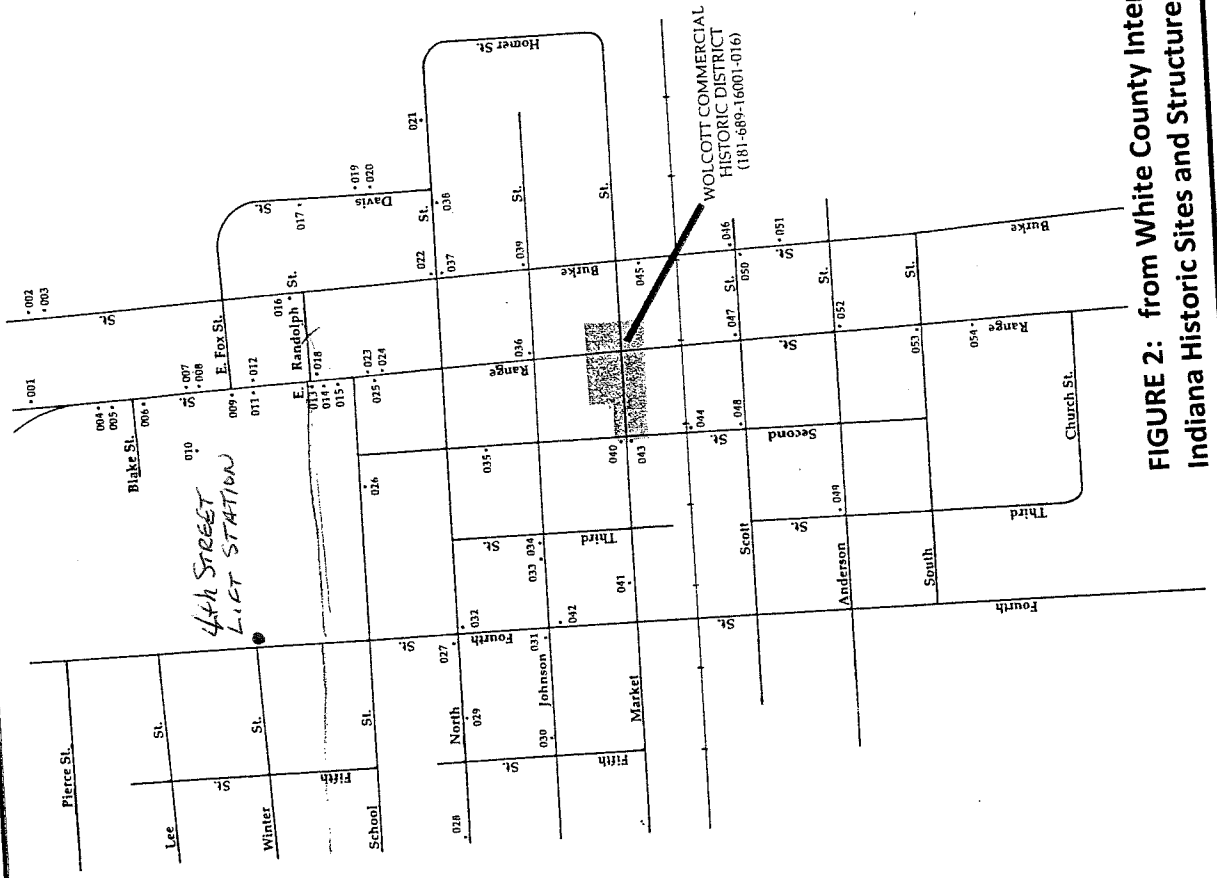


FIGURE 2: from White County Interim Report
Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory

